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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-10 and 17-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-85/86)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (claims 1-5 and 11-16) in the reply filed on 01/07/2008 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no undue burden on the examiner to examine all of the subject matters of the pending claims. This is not found persuasive because as been disclosed and pointed out on the previous action that each group requires search on different areas, which will burden the examiner.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the manufacture" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the collar" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the packet portion" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the other" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the glue" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the respective area" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the whole blank" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the number of horizontal glue lines" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the finished box" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the lower part" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the geometry" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the finished box" in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 13 recites the limitation "the finished box" in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 11-16 the best understood are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Focke (U.S. Patent No. 6,199,688).

Focke discloses the claimed method of manufacturing a hinge lid box with the step of providing a glued collar (Figs. 1, 2, and 4-6; via fastening surface/glue portion 43 and 44; 51 and 52); the collar is printed and/or coated (column 3, lines 65-67). Focke does not disclose applying the glue to the collar as in lines across the collar surface up to three glue lines.

However, the examiner takes an official notice that such use of glue lines on blank is old and well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Focke's fastening surface/glue portion of the collar, by the use of glue lines instead, as a matter of engineering design choice.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sameh H. Tawfik whose telephone number is 571-272-4470. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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